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SUBJECT: SOVIET TREATMENT OF CASTRO'S SPEECH

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1. AS WASHINGTON MAY HAVE NOTED, THE TASS REPORT ON CASTRO'S JULY 26 SPEECH (AS CARRIED IN PRAVDA JULY 28 AND OTHER SOVIET PAPERS) OMITTS IN ITS PARAPHRASE OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS SECTION PERSONAL REFERENCES TO PRESIDENT CARTER AS WELL AS MENTION OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S POSTURE ON THE WILMINGTON 10 AND PUERTO RICAN PRISONERS. JUDGING FROM THE DESCRIPTION OF THE SPEECH IN REFTEL, TASS TONED DOWN CASTRO'S CRITICISMS BY OMITTING SEVERAL ALTOGETHER AND SUBSTITUTING "U.S. GOVERNMENT" OR "WASHINGTON" FOR THE PRESIDENT.

2. COMMENT: WE DON'T WANT TO MAKE TOO MUCH OF THIS IN VIEW OF THE SOVIET PRESS' CONTINUING ASSAULT ON THE U.S. AND THE ADMINISTRATION FOR ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS (E.G., THE "TRAGIC" SITUATION OF AMERICAN PUERTO RICANS AS REPORTED IN A CIVIL
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RIGHTS COMMISSION PAPER IS CITED IN JULY 26 PRAVDA, CASTRO'S SPEECH ITSELF IS REPORTED NEXT TO AN EXPOSE OF USG CRIMES AGAINST AMERICAN INDIANS AND WILMINGTON 10 EXPOSES ARE AN ALMOST DAILY OCCURRENCE). HOWEVER, THE TONING DOWN OF CASTRO'S REFERENCES TO THE PRESIDENT INDICATES AT LEAST THAT THE SOVIETS, WEIGHING THEIR OWN INTERESTS, DO NOT

PRESENTLY WANT TO GO AS FAR AS THE CUBAN LEADER IN
ASSAILING THE PRESIDENT EVEN IF IT RESULTS IN
SELECTIVE REPORTING OF THE HAVANA ANNIVERSARY SPEECH.
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